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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING BASALTIC FIBERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants have attached to this Amendment documents entitled "Amended Claims" and "Marked-Up Copy of Previous Claims". Please replace claims 1 and 8 with amended claims 1 and 8 as shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims". Please add new claims 21-26 as shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims".

Please cancel claims 10-12, 14 and 18.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the final office action relative to the CPA filed on July 5, 2001 is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to have the composition equations read as originally filed. New claims 21-26 are intended to expand the scope of varied coverage in Applicants' invention. Support for the features contained in these new claims can be found in the originally filed text of the application (which includes the incorporated by reference text of the parent PCT application).